GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2591
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SCIENTISTS IN BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scientists/technocrats presently working on senior positions in Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(b) whether the Government has received any recommendations regarding appointment of scientists/technocrats as head of BIS;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to appoint scientists/technocrats as Director-General or Assistant D.G. in BIS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : The number of scientists/technocrats presently working on senior positions in Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are as under:-

Scientist G (Additional Director General) (Rs. 18400-500-22400)	=	2
Scientist F (Rs. 16400-450-20000)	=	39
Scientist E (Rs. 14300-400-18300)	=	188
Total	=	229

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Joint Parliamentary Committee on Pesticide residues in and safety standards for soft drinks, fruit juice and other beverages has recommended that BIS should be headed by an eminent scientist.

(d) : The vacant post of Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards has been advertised on 12th March, 2005 in the Employment News and other leading national dailies in Hindi and English. The post has also been circulated to all the scientific and technical organizations inviting applications of suitable candidates. The advertisement has also been hosted on the websites of BIS and Department of Consumer Affairs. There is no post of Assistant D.G. in BIS.